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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

BIN-SHING CHEN

SERIAL NO.: 09/769,576

FILED: January 25, 2001

FOR: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
SPLIT-GATE EEPROM MEMORY  
CELL AND STRUCTURE FORMED  
THEREBY

Group Art Unit 2811

Examiner Thien F. Tran

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


This paper is a response to the Office Action mailed on December 6, 2000. In that action, the examiner identifies two distinct inventions, and requires restriction of this application to one of those two categories.

The applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's requirement and asserts that the subject matter of the two groups is interrelated such that a complete search for full and proper consideration of patentability would be substantially, if not completely, overlapping. However, should the examiner maintain the requirement, the applicant provisionally elects claims 11-14.

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In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

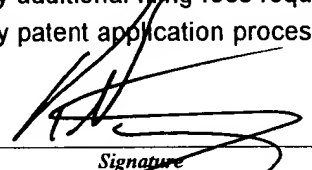
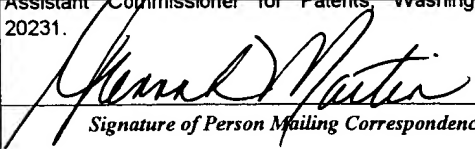
Respectfully submitted,

  
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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>3308</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Bin-Shing Chen</b>					
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Invention: <b>METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SPLIT-GATE EEPROM MEMORY CELL AND STRUCTURE FORMED THEREBY</b>					
<b>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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INDEP. CLAIMS	-	3 =	0 x	\$84.00	\$0.00
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>
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<div style="text-align: center;"> Signature <b>Keith A. Vogt</b> Niro, Scavone, Haller &amp; Niro 181 W. Madison-Suite 4600 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 236-0733</div>			Dated: <b>December 3, 2001</b>		
CC:			<div style="font-size: small;">I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <b>December 3, 2001</b> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence <b>Hannah Martin</b> Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div>		